

Welcome to  
**Riverside Presbyterian Church**

August 6, 2023

Please silence your cell phones.

\* Please stand in body or Spirit. **Bold** indicates congregational response.



**All are invited to share gifts in the offering plates located at the end of the aisles. The plates will be brought forward prior to the Doxology.**

Today's offering supports the Presbytery of Chicago Ministers Emergency Fund. It is used to meet the needs of ministers and their families. The Fund is supported by offerings from installation and ordination services.

PRELUDE

*Lord of the Dance*

arr. Behnke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(Please greet those around you with a sign of Christ's peace.)*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 145: 1, 17-21)

I will exalt you, my God;

**and bless your name for ever and ever.**

Every day I will bless you;

**and praise your name for ever and ever.**

You are great, LORD God, and greatly to be praised;

**your greatness is unsearchable.**

Generation to generation will praise your doings;

**and declare your mighty deeds.**

They will speak of the glory of your splendour;

**I will meditate on your marvelous works.**

You are just in all your ways, O LORD;

**and faithful in all your doings.**

You are near to all who call on you;

**to all who call on you in truth.**

You take care of the desires of all who fear you;

**their cry for help you will hear, and you will save them.**

O LORD, you watch over all who love you;

**the wicked you will destroy.**

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD;

**and all flesh will bless your holy name.**

\*HYMN #726

*Will You Come and Follow Me?*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (based on Ezekiel 34, Matthew 25)

**Holy God, we confess that there are times when we go our own way – concentrating on the ‘bottom line’ and our survival, building up our own resources, exercising inappropriate power....**

Perhaps we are guilty of paying attention to the wrong things—when we put our own comfort first; when the church becomes the center of our world and we fail to see beyond its walls.

**Forgive us O God, if our eyes have been so fixed on priorities of our own making, that we have failed to look for Jesus in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned.**

Forgive us all the times we fail to touch people’s lives with acts of loving and caring, justice and mercy.

**Remind us that we are empowered and enabled by your Spirit to witness to the values of your kin\*dom in and through all we do and say.**

And Jesus said “Truly I tell you, just as you did to one of the least of these brothers or sisters, you did it to me.”

**Amen**

(Silence is kept.)

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE (inspired by Psalm 145: 8-9, 13-14)

The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The LORD is good to all,  
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

The LORD is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.

The LORD upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

Hear the word of the Lord in Jesus:

‘Your sins are forgiven!’

**Thanks be to God!**

\*THE GLORIA PATRI *Glory Be to the Father* #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

MINI MESSAGE

Children first grade and younger may go to childcare. Please see the Greeter for more information or directions.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your divine mouth, make us hunger for heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

FIRST READING Ezekiel 34:11-16 OT p. 803

SECOND READING Matthew 25:31-40 NT p. 29

SERMON “Eye to Eye” Rev. Barbara Gorsky

\*HYMN *Let Us Worship God With Justice*

STATEMENT ON INSTALLATION  
CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS  
QUESTIONS OF CONGREGATION  
DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION  
PRAYER OF INSTALLATION  
WELCOME  
CHARGE TO THE PASTOR  
CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY     *Original Raga*                      Kazarian

\*THE DOXOLOGY     *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*     #606  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures  
here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise God, praise Christ, praise Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERINGS

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We join together to praise you and give you thanks, saying:  
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

And now we pray the prayer that Jesus taught:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table* HYMN #770

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN #765 *May the God of Hope Go with Us (canto de esperanza)*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Prelude & Fugue in C BWV 553*

JS Bach

### WORSHIP NOTES

*Let Us Worship God with Justice* © David Gambrell, based on Isaiah 58.

Prayer for Illumination and Prayer of Dedication written by Dana Moulds for The Presbyterian Outlook. Call to Worship written by Jeff Schrowder.

Prayer of Confession written by Moira Laidlaw. Words of Assurance written by Howard Wallace.

### PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

#### ***Installation Commission:***

Rev Barbara Gorsky, Moderator, Presbytery of Chicago

Rev. Ken Hockenberry, Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Chicago

Robert (Bob) Weaver, Ruling Elder, Highlands Presbyterian Church

Sandra (Sandy) Kappmeyer, Ruling Elder, Riverside Presbyterian Church

Rev. Doug Asbury, United Methodist Church

***Thank you*** to Betsy Gardner and George Kazarian for joining today's Ministry of Music.

***Greeter:*** Susan Lynch

***Liturgist:*** Betsy Gardner

***Mini Message:*** Lynda Nadkarni

***Flowers*** today are given in honor of Elizabeth Musick's birthday, from her family who loves and admires her.

***Fellowship*** is hosted by Sandra Kappmeyer and Dennis Zander.

***Trustees of the Month:*** John McGlennon and Lynda Nadkarni



## Riverside Presbyterian Church

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**AUGUST 6, 2023**

Dear RPC,

The fifth Sunday activities last week were a real treat. Our congregation has been having a lot of wonderful opportunities to serve God and others through mission trips, Bread for the World advocacy, letters to prisoners, and ecological stewardship. Meanwhile I am also a big fan of our recreational offerings too. Have you ever thought of that as a form of service? Fortunately for us, God does not just want us to work, work, work. We are also called to play and pray and re-create as part of Sabbath rest. So praise God for water parks, and volleyball meetups, and Disc Golf installations! This week may we find joy in all things as the Holy Spirit continues to lead us into life.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Mark



### **YOUTH OUTING TO RAGING WAVES, This Tuesday,**

**August 8th, 9am.** Pastor Mark is leading a water park excursion this week for youth entering grades 5-12. Contact him to sign up by Sunday. Tickets will be purchased in advance, \$37 per person. Friends are welcome! At this point we have 6 youth and two adults on board.

**MISSION TRIP**—Thank you for the many ways you supported our ASP trip! Your participation in the spaghetti dinner, donations for Bombas, adopting a date, prayers and much more resulted in the experience of a lifetime. You can see all our photos on the Facebook page or Website (look under mission). It was truly as transformative for us as it was for the family we supported.

Brad, Luke, Cooper, Jaden, Kaki, Olive and Reese

**MISSION & OUTREACH** — We are collecting school supplies for Community Support Services in Brookfield. CSS supports participants with intellectual/developmental disabilities as well as families who cannot afford the supplies their children need for school. We are also collecting gently used and new shoes for children and adults, as well as new socks for children. There are collection bins outside the office. **Sunday is the last day to donate school supplies.**

Mary Ann Sadilek

John Lynch

Lloyd Bradbury

Jack Smith

Alice Ann Hand, sister of Elizabeth Musick.

Duci Musick, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Musick



**SUNDAYS WITH TED & FRIENDS** – 6:00 p.m. We will meet in person in the church library and via Zoom. Use the following link for Zoom video: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87222338595> To join by phone, dial and follow the prompts to enter the meeting number: +13126266799,,87222338595# You can access a clickable link on the RPC website, or request one via email from Doug Asbury at [dougasbury@gmail.com](mailto:dougasbury@gmail.com). **8/6**—Dr. Jonathan Burroughs “How To Understand US Healthcare? - Follow the Money.

**STAFF TRANSITION** — My role as Minister of Mission and Outreach will be phased out on August 15 and a new role of Coordinator of Children’s Ministry will phase in. One constant is the Preschool Director calling for which I am thankful. The Mission and Outreach tasks are being shared among staff and volunteers, myself included. If you want to help with Refugee Resettlement, I’m the volunteer to see. Food Panty your passion? See Doug. A desire to expand the community’s knowledge of RPC and our deeds? Volunteers are desired, especially for social media outreach. Coordinating Children’s Ministry is a nice way of saying I’ll ensure Faith Formation for the children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger in the congregation. I’m excited for this opportunity! – Lynda

**PRESCHOOL EXPANSION** — We will be offering a full-day program until 3 pm starting in September. To date we have 24 students enrolled with 6 spaces remaining. Our goal is to be at full enrollment by January. You can help by sharing the good news of our great preschool! We also will embed daily Spanish lessons into the morning for all students thanks to our current Assistant Teacher Jessica Magana and our new hire Diana Moreno. Please help us spread the word when you hear of families looking for a preschool and by liking and sharing our social media posts!

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY** — Item of the month is **beans!** Any variety: canned pork and beans, baked beans, refried beans, garbanzo, red, white, butter, etc. Dried beans too!

**LOOSE COIN OFFERING**—Today we dedicate all loose coins in the offering plates to the Presbytery of Chicago Hunger Fund. In lieu of loose coins, indicate Presbytery Hunger Fund in the memo line of a check or online.

## THIS WEEK

### Today

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

6:00 pm Sundays with TED

### Monday

5:15 pm Volleyball

### Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

### Sunday

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

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Riverside Presbyterian, IL

### **Our Mission Statement:**

We gather as a church to:

Celebrate God's presence,

Nurture the Spiritual Life,

Carry the light of Christ into the world,

Serve God by serving others.

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## 2023 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Elders	2023	2024	2025
	Lisa Aulerich Marciniak	Susan Lynch	Betsy Gardner
	Jon Jansky	Carrie Staubus	Ellen Hamilton
	Sandra Kappmeyer	Mary Beth Wynn	Serina Ranft
			Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
Deacons	2023	2024	2025
	Nancy Dvorak	Jim Marciniak	Thom DeVries
	Elizabeth Musick	Steve Marcus	Paula McCracken
	Marilyn Slanec	Wendy Seifert	Open
Trustees	2023	2024	2025
	Doug Harvin	John McGlennon	Deb Jansky
	Henry Vogel	Lynda Nadkarni	Tom Radigan
	Open	Open	Open